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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

#### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

A lodge of Elks is soon to be formed in Bisbee, Ariz.

The village of Pima, Ariz., has been disincorporated.

The San Diego brewery will have a \$10,000 addition.

H. H. Smiley has donated \$200 to the Redlands library.

Pasadenians are going to vote on a new charter soon.

A pleasure wharf to cost \$8000 is to be erected at Santa Monica.

At Santa Ana the two canneries use 4000 pounds of milk a day.

Redlands Presbyterians are about to let a contract for a new church.

Pasadena business men are talking of a non-partisan city government.

When Terminal Island becomes a postoffice the town will be named Harbor.

Jerome, Ariz., is rapidly emerging from the effects of the December fire.

Santa Teresa Urrea is at Clifton, Ariz., and not in Mexico, as has been reported.

There are said to be the remains of eight prehistoric villages in and about Pasadena.

Before March 1 all signs suspended over the sidewalks in Pasadena must come down.

Kern county bonds will not be refunded until the Supreme Court has passed on the matter.

An English company of capitalists have combined to bring water from Little Lake to Randsburg.

A postoffice has been established at McCabe, Yavapai county, Ariz., with Marion C. Behn as postmaster.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has been assigned 2000 feet of space at the Omaha Exhibition.

The Los Angeles Terminal Railroad Company is talking of extending its line from Pasadena to Pomona.

The hotel on Mt. Lowe is perched 3500 feet above the sea—the most elevated hostelry in the United States.

Horatio D. West, a wealthy publisher of St. Paul, is about to build a twelve-room home at Altadena, to cost \$10,000.

Gov. Budd was present at the dedication of the new armory of the National Guard in Los Angeles on Monday.

The contract has been let for the repaving of Main and Spring streets in Los Angeles at 7 1/2 cents per square foot.

The San Diego City Council is taking up the matter of good roads. Several boulevards will be commenced at once.

A bond election will probably be called at Ventura for the purpose of installing a municipal electric-light plant.

A great religious revival is in progress at Pasadena, under the direction of Rev. A. C. Bane, formerly of San Diego.

The Pasadena-Los Angeles Railway officials say that they do not intend to build a branch road to Sierra Madre.

The free-delivery service will go into effect at Redlands on April 1. There will be three carriers, two mounted and one on foot.

At Bear Valley there are prospects that the burned hotel will be rebuilt and that the stage will be replaced by an electric railway.

Prof. W. P. Blake, head of the School of Mines of the Arizona Territorial University, has been appointed Territorial Geologist.

The Santa Fé last week sent a carload of oranges from San Bernardino to Salina, Kan., in three days and two hours, almost passenger-train time.

Ensenada, Lower California, seems to be emulating Dawson City conditions. The price of beef there has advanced to 40 and 50 cents a pound.

Oxnard is the name of the new town in Ventura county, near Hueneme, where the new beet-sugar factory is being built. A boom in town lots is reported.

H. A. Strong, who is associated with Dr. Emmens of New York in the transmutation of metals into gold, is at Prescott, Ariz., in search of the virgin article.

Sheriff D. R. Williamson of Globe, who is now in Phoenix, is the authority for the statement that the long-

projected railway from Globe to Gerónimo will at once be built.

The projectors of the San Pedro and Los Angeles electric railway state that they are almost in readiness to commence building operations as the right-of-way matters are about completed.

Southern Pacific train No. 17, from San Francisco, was ditched about two miles south of Ravenna, near Los Angeles, but aside from a few bruises sustained by Fireman Her, no one was injured.

There are plans for increasing the power of the Mt. Lowe Railway and lessen the cost of operation by abandoning the power-house at Altadena and concentrating the power at Echo Mountain.

The Kingman, Ariz., bottling works has just put in a six-horse power boiler and a large steaming tank, and with their other facilities can handle in the neighborhood of a carload of beer daily.

Work is rapidly progressing on the Land and Town Company's new citric acid factory at National City, which will cost about \$40,000, and provide a market for the cull lemons of San Diego county.

There is something very like a coal and lumber famine in several California cities. The scarcity is owing to the fact that nearly everything that moves over the water has been pressed into the Alaska trade.

The citizens of Redlands have organized an Associated Charities. A wood yard will be opened up in connection with the organization, on which hobs will be given an opportunity to earn their meals.

A jury found R. A. Bird guilty of forging the name of G. J. Griffith of Los Angeles to a bank check for \$1200. This was Bird's second trial, and a strong effort was made by his friends to save him, but to no avail.

Aspirants for office must be numerous in San Bernardino. A correspondent having asked the Sun when it would print the list of candidates for political honors, was "respectfully referred to the Great Register, with all its supplements."

The Riverside city's asphalt pavement, which was laid only two years ago at a cost of \$45,000, is about ready to be shoveled up and carted to the waste dump. In the two years \$2202 has been spent in its repair. Jobbery in laying is hinted at.

The Los Angeles Record has received a dispatch from Congressman Barlow stating that he is receiving many grave charges and serious complaints against the management of the Soldiers' Home, and that he will likely insist on an investigation.

A receiver has been asked for the Bankers' Alliance Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles. The assets of the company are reported at \$96,056. Liabilities, \$120,000. The present policy holders are fully secured by having been insured in another company.

Flagstaff, Ariz., has more electric wires, it is said, than any other town in the West. There are electric lights in nearly every house in town, several private telegraphic connections with the main office, and a district messenger service has been established with fifty-four boxes.

George Wilbur, City Clerk of Ocean-side, is in trouble. An expert has been engaged to go over his books. It is alleged that Wilbur is about \$1000 short in his accounts. He has not been arrested, and protests his innocence. His friends declare he is the victim of a political job.

Charles F. Lummis, editor of the Land of Sunshine, has gone to San Francisco. He will be absent for an indefinite period, and will make an extended trip through Northern California to accumulate data for a prospective series of articles to appear in one of the eastern magazines.

It is given out semi-officially, that contracts for fifty miles of new railroad—an extension of the Randsburg road to connect with the Carson and Colorado at Keeler—and for sixty miles to the borax mines below Johannesburg, have been all but let, the bidders to be Ramish & Marsh.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of San Diego have decided to assist the tobacco-growers in securing an expert to teach the growers how to sweat and cure tobacco. The cost will be about \$2000. Committees will be appointed to carry out the work.

Dr. George H. Schmidt of San Diego has received letters patent on a bicycle tire that promises to prove very remunerative to the patentee. The tire is practically non-puncturable. Another feature of the tire is that it will stand upright, and does not require supports when the rider dismounts.

Los Angeles will probably have a glass factory in the near future. The Atlantic Coast Glass Company of Barnegat, N. J., has written a letter of inquiry to the Board of Trade. If good glass sand is obtainable, a plant will be at once erected. This company is one of the largest glass manufacturers in the United States.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

#### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Sacramento has begun an organized effort to secure both State conventions this year.

The Republican League of Oregon has endorsed the financial plank of the Republican national platform.

The Republican State Central Committee of Oregon has decided to hold the State convention in Astoria, April 14.

T. L. Thompson of Santa Rosa, ex-Minister to Brazil, who has held many others positions of honor, committed suicide.

The Sacramento City Board of Health has declared in favor of the appointment of milk, food and market inspector.

Forty San Francisco druggists are to be arrested charged with selling imitation pills. Complainants are eastern patent-medicine men.

E. L. Colnon, Harbor Commissioner of San Francisco has been charged in the Superior Court with receiving bribes from Darby, Laydon & Co., a contracting firm.

The Police Court of Sacramento has been declared illegal, because of defective laws creating it, and all acts and criminal sentences are void. Complications will ensue.

Robert Fithie, bridge contractor, has discovered a deposit of natural cement at St. Helena, Cal., much superior to the imported article, and which can be procured at a less cost.

The Olympic Club of San Francisco has signed Peter Jackson and Jim Jeffries for a twenty-round go. The men will meet about March 20 in the Mechanics' Pavilion at San Francisco.

Thirty-two of the thirty-four non-American fire insurance companies doing business in California justified in new bonds yesterday and tendered them to Commissioner Clunie for acceptance.

The largest brandy still in the world is that of El Pinal Vineyard, near Stockton. When running at full capacity it converts 15,000 gallons of wine into about four thousand gallons of brandy per day.

Insurance companies not incorporated in California are proceeding with business, notwithstanding Insurance Commissioner Clunie's opinion that they are here illegally. The matter will soon get into court.

Four thousand cigars and three gallons of mescal were seized by San Francisco customs inspectors on the steamer Orizaba from Mazatlan. The cigars were enclosed in flour sacks and evidently smuggled.

The aerial tramway over Chilkooot Pass is now in operation, and the trip is now made from tide water at Dyea to the headwaters of the Yukon at Lake Linderman in one day. Heretofore it required one month.

The will of Elizabeth L. Harger, widow of John S. Harger of San Francisco, has been filed for probate. The value of the estate is not known, but it is thought to amount to about \$500,000, all of which is bequeathed to her children.

On January 31, Nels P. Johnston, a Swede, 26 years old, was struck by the main boom of the schooner Alice en route from San Pedro to Eureka and killed instantly. Capt. Elbak was also knocked down, but sustained no serious injury.

Rev. Thomas H. Sinex, one of the best-known Methodist ministers on the Pacific Coast, died at Pacific Grove. He was a native of Indiana, aged 80 years, had been a minister of the gospel for fifty-five years and came to California thirty years ago.

There was a riot at Skaguay January 21 when the steamer Al-Ki arrived there and attempted to unload with a crew of Indians from Juneau, the Skaguay longshoremen making a furious attack upon the Indians. The Skaguay crowd won and secured the work.

Evidence has been placed before the San Francisco grand jury that members of the Board of Education of that city have been trafficking in positions in the school department, and all of the directors are to be subpoenaed to appear before the jury at its meeting next Thursday.

The Volunteers of America has received substantial encouragement in their work on the Pacific Coast. A lady, who wished to conceal her identity, has deeded the organization an orange orchard of twenty acres situated at Thermalito, near Oroville, valued at \$10,000.

The trial of the case of H. Weinstein against the publishers of the Sacramento Bee for \$50,000 for alleged libel has begun. It is the second suit of the kind growing out of publications in the Bee concerning Weinstein and the Von Arnold-City Trustees' scandal a year ago.

David Ward, a large timber owner of Michigan, has secured 10,500 acres of timber land, 2500 of which are located in Del Norte county and 8000 acres along the Klamath River, Humboldt county. The price paid is said to be \$100,000. The tract comprises some of the finest timber land in both counties.

Card sharps and bunco men are rushing into Skaguay and Dyea. Rank carelessness on the part of the pilot is given as the cause of running the steamer Corona on the reef. Only twenty-five gold seekers have returned, the balance finding means of continuing north. Opinions differ as to whether the Corona is a total loss.

Collector of Internal Revenue O. M. Welburn has again been indicted. The Federal grand jury, which has been investigating the charges against him ever since it was impaneled last November, returned an indictment yesterday to the United States District Court against the former official. A bench warrant was issued, but it is not known where Welburn is at present.

Charles James, son of Postmaster W. W. James of Monterey, who recently invented a bicycle lamp, subsequently applying for a United States patent on his invention, has just concluded a favorable contract for the patent rights with his patent attorneys. The patent is still pending, but the attorneys are so impressed with the merits of the lamp that they offered James for his patent rights \$2500 in cash, 4500 acres of land and 300 head of cattle in Northern Idaho. James has accepted the proposition.

The Mining Jubilee. The Golden Jubilee, which San Francisco celebrated last week should have some good effect in calling the attention of outsiders to the remarkable mineral wealth of this State. The simple fact that during the past fifty years California has contributed nearly one-fourth of the world's gold production should be sufficient to show that it is not always necessary to go as far as the North Pole in search of gold.

Southern California Mines. While realizing the vast mineral wealth of California as a whole, the fact should not be lost sight of that Southern California is beginning to assume an important place in the State as a gold-mining region. A recent estimate quotes \$14,000,000 as the amount invested in gold mines south of Tehachapi, where there are about fifteen hundred stamps dropping and about six thousand men employed. These figures will undoubtedly be largely increased during the present year.

A Dale City Enterprise. A corporation is being organized, under the laws of Arizona, under the name of the Dale City Finance Company, for the purpose of acquiring mines, wells and other property at Dale City, in San Bernardino county. In addition to a number of mines, a stage line is included in the possessions of the corporation. E. Percy Braid is president of the company, and R. M. Furlong vice-president. Other directors are: F. C. Baird, Ralph Moss and W. E. Fourt. The principal place of business of the company is stated in the prospectus to be Yuma City.

Modern Methods. A great feature of the present development of gold mining in California is the reopening of old mines, which had been abandoned, but which are now being again profitably worked by means of the more economical methods now at the command of miners, together with the advantage of cheap supplies, transportation and labor. Many an old mine in the northern part of the State that was thought to be played out twenty or thirty years ago is now paying handsomely.

Other enterprising individuals are seeking to gather some of the enormous products of gold which lie in the beds of rivers issuing from the Sierra Nevada Mountains. A noteworthy enterprise of this description is the turning of Feather River, by which it is expected that an immense amount of fine gold will be recovered.

Mining Notes. Important gold fields have been discovered in the State of Goyas, Brazil.

News comes in from the Silver Mountain mining district that a veritable boom is in progress. Old mines are panning out better and new ones of considerable richness are being opened up that promise to make of Oro Grande quite a mining center.

## EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Six people were burned to death at a hotel fire at Gloversville, N. Y.

Cuban tobacco is now coming into the United States in large quantities.

First National Bank of Larrimore, N. D., failed because of slow collections.

New Bedford had a blizzard and snowstorm last week which delayed trains.

Duluth, Minn., has reelected Henry Truelson, Democrat and Populist, as Mayor.

A race war has broken out in Lonoke county, Ark., and many negro families are leaving.

Four dead and thirty injured is the result of a wreck on the Maine Central Railroad at Orono, Me.

The longest stretch of double track on the Santa Fé is between Emporia, Kan., and Florence, Colo.

Sheriff Martin and eighty deputies will be tried this week for firing on the striking coal miners at Latimer.

Senator Roger Q. Mills of Texas announces himself as candidate for reelection to the United States Senate.

The ninth annual New York poultry show at Madison Square Garden had 6500 entries. Prizes aggregated \$7000.

Mrs. Dan R. Hanna of Cleveland, suing for divorce, says to reporters that her marriage was a childish mistake.

Gen. W. H. Gentry of Lexington, Ky., is going into the jack-rabbit breeding business, to afford himself and friends the sport of coursing.

Beet-sugar farmers are at war with sugar manufacturers in Nebraska, owing to the latter attempting to reduce prices in event of Hawaiian annexation.

The report current for a week past in financial circles that a consolidation of interests is to be arranged by the New York Central and Lake Shore roads, is confirmed.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Arctic explorer has sailed on the Campania for Liverpool. He denied that he had any intention of accompanying Lieut. Peary on his next polar expedition.

The New York World announces the engagement of Clarence Mackay, son of John W. Mackay, to Miss Catherine Duer, grand-daughter of William E. Travers and daughter of Mrs. John G. Hecksher.

The Ohio law, which says the sum of \$5000 may be collected from a county by friends of a person lynched therein, has been declared unconstitutional by Judge Dustin of the Common Pleas Court at Urbana.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

It is reported in Washington that the Hawaiian government is short two votes of ratification.

Petitions are being received by Congressmen protesting against national bankruptcy legislation.

President McKinley celebrated his first birthday in the White House last week. The chief executive is 55.

An anti-trust bill making monopolies a felony has been introduced in the House by Mr. Green of Nebraska.

The Senate has confirmed W. J. Mills as Chief Justice of New Mexico, and John R. McFie as Associate Justice.

The New York Senators passed a resolution requesting such interference in Cuban affairs as will restore peace, after.

The State Department is formulating a note to Spain asking about the payment of that \$75,000 Ruiz indemnity.

A movement has been started for the creation of a department of industry and commerce, presided over by a secretary.

A resolution has been introduced in the New York Legislature asking for the resignation of Senator Murphy for voting for the Teller silver resolution.

Japanese objection to Hawaiian annexation has been removed by a promise to make the Japanese now in the island American citizens.

Thomas B. Turley, Democrat, was elected United States Senator by the Tennessee Legislature. In joint convention Turley received 31 votes.

The United States will resent Nicaragua granting any railway franchises which will violate the concession and compete with the Maritime Canal Company.

The House of Representatives killed the Teller silver resolution by a vote of 132 nays and 182 yeas. Republicans voted against the resolution with but two exceptions.

The President has sent these nominations to the Senate: W. A. McMillen of Washington, to be Surveyor-General of Washington; to be Registers of land offices, H. Dorsey Patter of Illinois, Tucson, Ariz.; Emil Zollinger of New Mexico, at Las Cruces, N. M.; to be Receiver of Public Money, James F. Thompson of California of Humboldt, Cal.